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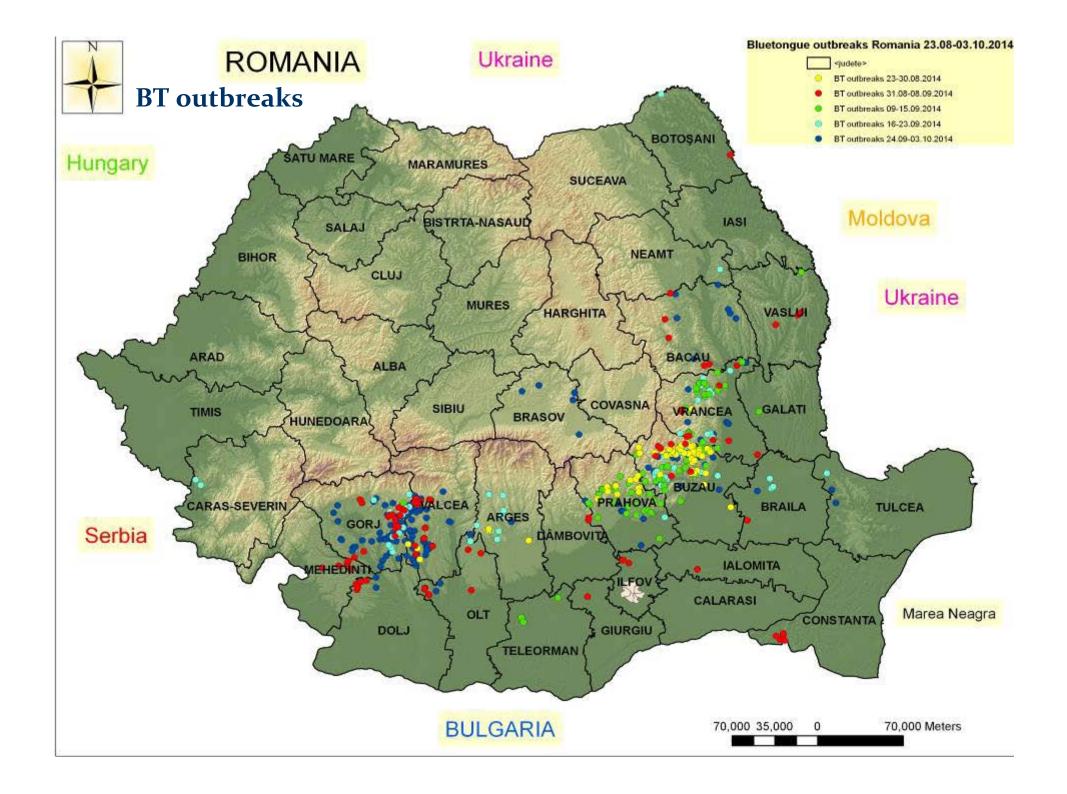
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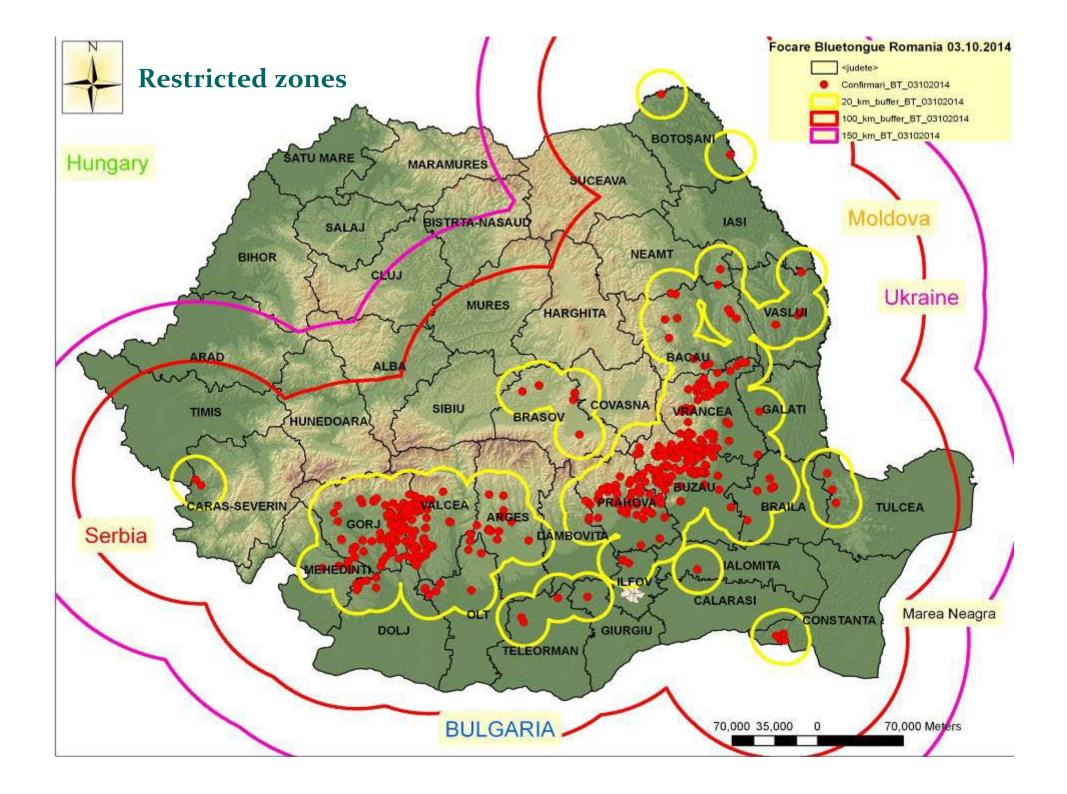
Background

- BTV never occurred in Romania
- The serological surveillance was enforced since 2000 year
- The vector free period usually starts in November and lasts by the end of April

Current situation

- First case was confirmed on 23-th of August 2014 in South-East of Romania, Buzau county;
- The BTV serotype identified BTV 4 was confirmed by the Pirbright Reference Laboratory on 01.09.2014;
- By 3-th October 2014 the disease was confirmed in 24 of 42 counties.





Evolution of cases – period 23-th August – 3-th October 2014 (1)

Animals data	Bovin e	Sheep	Goats
Total number of animals in infected counties	1194107	5115688	1448402
Total number of affected animals	570	1009	6
Total number of dead animals	13	82	О

Evolution of cases – period 23-th August – 3-th October 2014 (2)

Total number of outbreaks	567

Samples tested in suspicions	Total	Positive	Negative
No of samples tested by ELISA	3756	2977	779
No of samples tested by PCR	1522	1293	229

Measures enforced (1)

- census of susceptible animals;
- clinical inspections of holdings with susceptible animals, performed by the official veterinarian;
- recommended the destroying the favorable biotopes for culicoides and treatments with insecticides and repellents;
- passive and active surveillance (sampling for serological and virological testing for BT);

Measures enforced (2)

- entomological surveillance;
- movement control of all susceptible ruminant animals according to the legislation in force;
- closing the markets and fairs until the October 5th, 2014 on the entire Romanian territory and checks of compliance;
- the BTV vaccination for the commercial farms of cattle is possible to be applied, voluntary at requested of professional farmers;
- update of Romanian BT programme for 2014.

Measures to be implemented

- meeting with the Community Veterinary Emergency Team (CVET) and establishing the strategy for control of BT 2015 and possibility of vaccination (7-th – 8-th October 2014);
- update of Romanian BT programme for 2015.

